

## CLAIMS

1. A method of searching for persons using a communication means comprising a plurality of the following steps:

(A) a step whereby a plurality of participants connect their terminals with a server in a condition enabling their mutual communication via a communication means,

(B) a step whereby each of said participants inputs personal information thereof into said server from said terminals,

(C) a step whereby said server provides a questionnaire that has been stored therein to each of said participants via said terminals,

(D) a step whereby said participants answer to said questionnaire provided by said server using terminals,

(E) a step whereby said server detects other participants among a plurality of said participants who have given the same or a similar answer and/or other participants among a plurality of said participants who have given an opposite answer, and

(F) a step whereby an introductory information prepared based on said mutual personal information is provided via said terminals between said participant and other participants who have given the same or a similar answer and/or who have given an opposite answer detected by said detection.

2. The method of searching for persons using a communication means according to claim 1, wherein a common deadline for answering said questionnaire by a plurality of

participants has been previously set.

3. The method of searching for persons using a communication means according to claim 1, wherein said method comprises other step after the said step (F) which enables  
5 communications between both said participant and said another participant or among more than 3 participants.

4. The method of searching for persons using a communication means according to claim 1, wherein said method comprises other step, after said step (E) and prior to said step  
10 (F), for confirming whether said participants desire mutual introductions or not.

5. The method of searching for persons using a communication means according to claim 1, wherein the server has prepared a plurality of various questionnaires at said step  
15 (c) beforehand, and the server detects other participants among a plurality of participants who have given the same or a similar answer and/or other participants among a plurality of participants who have given an opposite answer at said step (E), and said steps (C) through (E) are repeated until the detection  
20 result reaches a predetermined number of people.

6. The method of searching for persons using a communication means according to claim 5, wherein said server detects other participants among a plurality of participants who have given the same or a similar answer and/or other  
25 participants among a plurality of participants who have given an opposite answer at said step (E), and said steps (C) through (E) are repeated until the detection result reaches the

predetermined number of people,

wherein, in the case where said detection result becomes less than the predetermined number of people, the server goes back to the detection results of a questionnaire one prior to that questionnaire, and transmits a message to said terminal to direct the particular participant to prioritize other participants to be mutually introduced, and wherein, in the case where other participants to whom mutual introduction is desired are present based on said order of priority, the server proceeds to said step (F).

7. The method of searching for persons using a communication means according to claim 5, wherein said method comprises steps whereby, while steps (C) through (E) are repeated, the server detects other participants among a plurality of participants who have given the same or a similar answer and/or other participants among a plurality of participants who have given an opposite answer, and notifies each participant of the detection results each time via said terminals.

8. The method of searching for persons using a communication means according to claim 6, wherein said method comprises steps whereby, while steps (C) through (E) are repeated, the server detects other participants among a plurality of participants who have given the same or a similar answer and/or other participants among a plurality of participants who have given an opposite answer, and notifies each participant of the detection results each time via said

terminals.

9. The method of searching for persons using a communication means according to claim 1, wherein said method adapts a system of selecting one answer out of a plurality of  
5 answers of participant's own will, which have been previously prepared for said questionnaires.

10. The method of searching for persons using a communication means according to claim 1, wherein said server sets up a system by which, a participant out of said participant  
10 or other participants who expresses the desire to be introduced to the other participant would pay the fee for said communication means after confirming his desire to be introduced to a partner.

11. A server having the following constructions,  
15 comprising:

connecting means for connecting said server with a plurality of terminals enabling them to mutually communicate via a communication means,

a first memory means for storing information on a  
20 plurality of questionnaires,

controlling means for controlling the appropriate extraction of information on questionnaires from said memory means, transfer of said extracted information on questionnaires to a plurality of said terminals via said connecting means,  
25 receiving of information on answers given based on said questionnaire information by operation of terminals via said connecting means, and storing said information in a second

memory means,

statistical treatment means for performing a statistical treatment based on answer information received from each terminal which has been stored in said second memory means, and

5 comparing means for comparing results processed by said statistical treatment means with a pre-set predetermined value, and

controlling, so that, when said comparing means judges that the result treated with said statistical treatment means  
10 coincides with said pre-set predetermined value, said controlling means controls so as to inform each of said terminals that the result coincides with the predetermined value via said connecting means, and when the result does not reach the predetermined value, said controlling means controls  
15 so as to transfer said information on answers to each of said terminals, again.